



# CALERA

1998

## JENSEN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

MT. HARLAN

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 20 miles east of the Monterey Bay. The site was chosen for its limestone soils and ideal climate. At an average elevation of 2,200 feet it is among the highest and coolest vineyard sites in California.

### Winemakers Notes

The fresh, bright aromas of black cherry and raspberry shown by the 1998 Jensen meld beautifully with an intense Pinot Noir character. Flavors of berry and clove integrate well in a wine that shows the intensity and structure expected in a Jensen Vineyard Pinot.

#### Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975  
13.8 acres, 6 x 10 spacing  
4 hillside blocks, varied exposure  
Limestone soils  
Clone: Calera Selection  
Rootstock: St. George  
Crop Yield: 0.94 ton/acre

#### Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.5 g/l  
Final pH: 3.53  
Residual sugar: 0.02%  
Malolactic: 100%  
Alcohol: 13.8%  
Cases Produced: 938

### Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Cold winter weather led into a cool wet spring on Mt. Harlan in 1998 resulting in a very light fruit set. The growing season was cool and dry, and fortunately the weather held fair into the fall with the tiny crop being picked at full ripeness in late October. The grapes were hand harvested as two separate lots, and then whole cluster fermented with indigenous yeast in small open top fermenters. The wines were pressed after 14 days and racked by gravity to barrels following overnight settling. Aged without racking in Francois Freres barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months, the lots were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.